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THE EGYPTIAN SITUATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~I. Internal Situation

A. Egyptian internal situation continues confused

1. Nagib-Nasr still in behind scene conflict
2. Return Nagib's former offices victory
over Nasr-dominated RCC
3. His future role and authority undefined.
4.

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5. Continued maneuvering within RCC expected.

B. Popular demand parliament government poses
problems military regime.

1. Control June ~~next~~ elections difficult
without effective political organization.
2. RCC plans retain authority after elections.
3. Faces problem control opposition with
relaxation censorship.

4. Extremist Moslem Brotherhood and politicians

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5. Unrestrict political activity challenge
to RCC

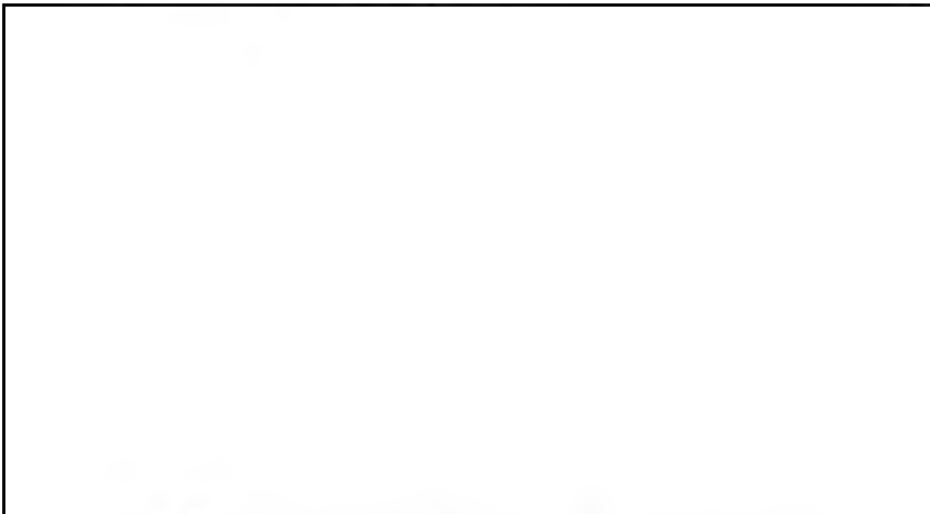
C. Deteriorating security situation Suez area
another difficult ^{problem} ~~situation~~ for regime.

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1. Formal British protest no/ ^{base} negotiations
until order restored. ^{However,} ~~can be~~ complied with by regime

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B. Despite problems genuine Egyptian desire
early settlement. Important political victory.
Prospects good ~~XX~~ ^{if} ~~if~~:

1. Immediately negotiated before June
election campaign results intemperate
utterances.
2. Complete evacuation publicized and
sold people. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
3. Nagib and Nasr work together.
Possibly crucial point.

C. Regime controlled National Liberation
Rally and commercial elements likely support
settlement.

D. Nationalist Wafd, Moslem Brotherhood, and
Communists may oppose. May find opposition
difficult, however, if settlement
publicized as "complete evacuation."